

REMARKS

Responsive to the restriction requirement imposed in the outstanding Official Action, applicants elect Group II-B, claims 15-16, drawn to a microorganism containing SEQ ID NO: 2 capable of secreting and producing β -glucan, without traverse.

A favorable action on the elected claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON



Robert Madsen, Reg. No. 58,543
745 South 23rd Street
Arlington, VA 22202
Telephone (703) 521-2297
Telefax (703) 685-0573
(703) 979-4709

RAM/lrs